

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1386 - HB 910

March 21, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires truck tractors and semitrailers to operate in the right most lane of an interstate or multi-lane divided highway having 3 or more lanes in each direction except where one or more lanes is closed for maintenance or construction, where there is an intersection of multiple interstates, where compliance would not accord with other safety provisions in the law, or upon order of a law enforcement officer. This new offense would be a Class C misdemeanor under the provisions of T.C.A. 55-8-103.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - Not Significant

Increase State Expenditures - \$40,320 One-Time / Highway Fund

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- an increase in expenditures to the Highway Fund for signs indicating, "Trucks Use Right Lane."
- there are approximately 244 miles of interstate affected by these provisions.
- a sign will be placed every 5 miles for a total of 48 signs at \$840 each.
- impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to the state from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.
- the state receives revenue from fines in accordance with T.C.A. 55-10-303. Court clerks receive 5% commission.

NOTE: The Department of Transportation indicates that 342 signs at \$840 per sign are needed to enforce the requirements of this bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James A. Davenport, Executive Director